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New Brunswick, N. J.  
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Re: Ralph Gorsline.

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Dear Sir:-

Several days ago Mr. Palzer furnished me the name of Wade S. Johns, Manager of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company and informed me that he might have some information of value. I interviewed Mr. Johns and he stated that he at one ~~xx~~ time kept his automobile in a garage owned by Julius C. Baier on George Street. That he was using this garage at the time of the murder. On one night while the investigation was on and the authorities were endeavoring to trace the car which Gorsline claimed had been burned, he drove into the garage and found a strange car there. It remained there several days and was blocking more or less the space that he usually had for his car. He spoke to Baier about the car and the suggestion was made by Baier that possibly that was the car which the authorities were trying to locate and which Gorsline claimed had been burned. This was during the first investigation.

Some time after this conversation Johns was attending a convention at Atlantic City and some one suggested that as he came from New Brunswick, he could give the latest happenings in the case. Johns was in some way impressed with what he had heard about the machines and repeated the story. Some man in the party stated that he was acquainted with the head of the State Troopers at Newark, I believe Major Schwatzkopf, and if Johns had no objection that he was going to acquaint him with the story. Johns told him to go ahead if he wanted to do so. Later some State Trooper came to Johns and Johns took him to the garage. Later Johns met the same trooper and he informed him that he had followed up the matter and lead Johns to believe that Gorsline had two automobiles, one of which he used to leave around the Y. M. C. A. to give his wife the impression that he was in the if she should happen to pass while he would be off in the other car with Miss Rastall.

Following out this information, I today talked with Baier. Baier showed me his records and from the records and his own recollection of the matter, he stated that the car in question belonged to Harold Fick, who he has since read in the newspapers is a cousin of Ralph Gorsline. About 5 P. M. on October 18th, 1922 Harold Fick came to his place and wanted to have a battery recharged. As Baier recalls the machine was a Stearns-Knight car. Gorsline was in the car with him at the time. Baier could not recharge the battery at once and Fick tried to rent a battery from him. Baier did not have a battery and therefore Fick left the car. He says that he understands at about this time, Fick was called out of town and the machine stood around for several days